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A BIT OF TRAGEDY.

A Kentuckian Who Was the Victim of Missouri Outlaws.

Memphis Public Ledger.—There was a train robbery out in Kansas the other day, and the telegraphic reports told us that a Kentuckian who was a passenger on the train was compelled to give up a million jug of Old Kentucky county whisky. We do not think that we are indulging in hyperbole when we say that this story contains all the elements of a sensational story. A man can die but once, and when he is dead it is of no importance to him that it is so. He does not regret it. He does not shed tears over himself. His imagination declines to paint the horror, the remorse, the unsatisfied longing of that simple, trustful Kentuckian who started out with such hope and so much joy to cross the Western plains. Perhaps he had heard of men being robbed for their money on the Western plains, but certainly he never dreamed that any man living could be so heartless as to hand-patch a poor Kentuckian of his just money. It was a jug of Old Kentucky county whisky, the like of which is hard to find anywhere on this beautiful globe. It makes one think of rustic bottles of mulling streams, where the wild mint grows, and of the falling of the sunbeams through the leaves of a day-long road. To rob a Kentuckian of a bottle of whisky would be an inexcusable offense; to deprive him of a million jug of whisky would be a crime. Moreover, it was a jug of Old Kentucky county whisky, the like of which is hard to find anywhere on this beautiful globe. It makes one think of rustic bottles of mulling streams, where the wild mint grows, and of the falling of the sunbeams through the leaves of a day-long road. To rob a Kentuckian of a bottle of whisky would be an inexcusable offense; to deprive him of a million jug of whisky would be a crime.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Five years there has been congestion in naval promotions. Our great naval commanders in the days of the revolution and in the early part of the nineteenth century commanded squadrons and fleets, were young men. Now the average of the commodore and admiral is close on to sixty years and there are many gray-haired lieutenants.

The cause of this state of affairs is to be found in the admission into the naval service in the days of the late war of many volunteer officers. When the navy shrank to its proportions at the time of the building of the first of our new steel naval vessels, and the old wooden ships these officers had been broken up or gone into rotten row, the men still held their places on the rolls, and for every vacancy that occurred at rare intervals in the higher grades there were many applicants. So promotion was slow.

In 1880 a bill denominated a number of cadets who had spent much time in the service. The injustice was the reason for the introduction Tuesday by Mr. Outwater, of Ohio, of a bill reinstating these men on the rolls of the navy with the provision that they shall receive no pay until they have been out of the service, but that in all other respects they shall be regarded as having been continually in the service.

PRIVATE PENSIONS.

It Looks Now As If Their Days Were Numbered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—As usual, on the meeting of a new congress the session of the senate is delayed with private bills, which require an extra diet of clerks to handle them. So far this session there have been nearly 300 measures of this character referred to that committee, but most of them are those that failed to be acted upon last session, and their prospects are not favorable now.

The days of the private pension bill appear to be numbered. During the Fifty-first congress about 1,400 of this character passed, and the two previous congresses were quite as liberal, but last session only 900 went through. The committee this session will be even more stringent in regard to them.

It has been discovered that the act of June 27, 1880, recovers the case of a great many persons who seek pensions through legislative action, which relieves the committee of a vast amount of unnecessary work.

GETTING HUNGRY.

And the L. & N. Strikers at Decatur, Ala., Are Becoming Turbulent.

DECATUR, Ala., Oct. 5.—There is every prospect here of trouble between the L. & N. strikers and the crews who are attempting to run the trains. The strikers are very ready to intimidate the workers. Gov. Jones has ordered four militia companies to come here and preserve order. The strikers are very ready to intimidate the workers. Gov. Jones has ordered four militia companies to come here and preserve order. The strikers are very ready to intimidate the workers. Gov. Jones has ordered four militia companies to come here and preserve order.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS AGAINST FREE SILVER.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 5.—The democrats of Nebraska, at their state convention at Lincoln Wednesday, came out firmly for hard money and in support of the administration. Eloquent Congressman Bryan came here to put through a free silver resolution and started an active campaign, but he was decisively defeated by a vote of 390 to 100. By the same vote a free coinage resolution was rejected and the national platform was endorsed. There was a great tumult in the convention, and the silverites were very discontented.

VAN ALLEN MAY FALL THROUGH.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The senate committee on foreign relations met Wednesday morning, and took up the appointment of J. J. Van Allen to be ambassador to Italy. The committee had before it a mass of letters and newspaper articles bearing upon the case and succeeded in reaching a conclusion which is understood to have been favorable to Mr. Van Allen.

Had Men Fined.

PAIDERSBURGH, W. Va., Oct. 5.—Two to five years each was the lightest sentence imposed by Judge Jackson Tuesday on James Gray, John Wilson, Wm. Cain and Viola Roberts for robbery. John Wilson, aged 30, a feeble, portly old man, for assaulting pretty Lucy Modell, was escorted with others to Moundsville Wednesday and placed in the penitentiary.

Admiral's Convicts Fled.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Oct. 5.—Fourteen new cases of yellow fever were reported Wednesday and one died. Seven new cases were reported from Jacksonville, with a population of only twenty-five. Dr. E. L. Buford, who occupies the place made vacant by the death of Surgeon Brannan, is ill with the fever.

Rio Blockaded.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 5.—Admiral Mele declared the ports of Rio de Janeiro and Santos blockaded. It is said that his object is to force the surrender of Rio by crippling the trade of the city. In consequence of the blockade trade is paralyzed. The banks are closed and business men are frantic.

Mississippi Valley Medical Association.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 5.—The Mississippi Valley Medical association was called to order at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in Plymouth church in its annual session, presided over by Dr. J. Cook, chairman of the arrangements committee. Nearly 300 delegates

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